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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASATAKA ITO) : Examiner: S. Isaac
Application No.: 10/091,461) : Group Art Unit: 2812
Filed: March 7, 2002) :
For: SOI SUBSTRATE,)
ANNEALING METHOD) :
THEREFOR,) :
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE) :
HAVING THE SOI) :
SUBSTRATE, AND METHOD) :
OF MANUFACTURING THE) :
SAME : May 19, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
AND
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the April 22, 2005 Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect Species II (Second Embodiment, Figs. 5A to 5D). All pending claims, namely Claims 1 to 8, 10 to 17, 19 and 20, read on the elected species. The requirement to elect is respectfully traversed.

Traversal is based on practicality. Specifically, it is Applicants' view that all pending claims read on all species identified in the Office Action. There is therefore no practical benefit in a requirement to elect between them.

With respect to the restriction requirement set forth in the January 7, 2005 Office Action, Applicants again submit that there would be no undue burden in examining the Group II claims together with the Group I claims, since the Examiner has already examined the Group II claims. Indeed, there has already been an indication of allowance for the Group II claims.

These matters were brought to the attention of the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Michael Lebentritt, in a telephone interview conducted on May 5, 2005. The Examiner's supervisor agreed that the restriction requirement and the election of species requirement should be withdrawn. Such action is courteously solicited.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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